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- 1. THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND CONCERNING ARRANGEMENTS FOR AMCHAM SUPPORT TO SECRETARY DENT'S AUSTRALIA VISIT MAY BE HELPFUL IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR PROSPECTIVE DISCUSSION, REFTEL, WITH PAUL GIBSON.
- 2. DIRECT RESPONSIBILITY FOR AMCHAM OF AUSTRALIA SUPPORT LIES WITH AMCHAM PRESIDENT LAMAR HUTCHISON IN MELBOURNE, AND SENIOR VICE PRESIDENTS OF AMCHAM IN MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY, ALL OF WHOM HAVE BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THIS PROJECT SINCE AMBASSADOR GREEN'S ORIGINAL INVITATION TO SECRETARY DENT.
- 3. PAUL GIBSON WAS CHAIRMAN OF ASIA-PACIFIC COUNCIL OF AMERICAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE (APCAC) UNTIL ITS MEETING EARLIER THIS MONTH IN TAIWAN, AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IS CONTINUING AS A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR COMING

YEAR. AT THIS MEETING, ROBERT PERKINS, PRESIDENT OF CHRYSLER EAST AISA, IN ADELAIDE WAS ELECTED NEW APCAC CHAIRMAN.

4. BECAUSE OF APCAC'S REGION-WIDE PROGRAM, AND ACTIVE INTEREST IN DEVELOPMENT OF IMPROVED AMCHAM-FOREIGN SERVICE COLLABORATION, PAUL GIBSON WILL HAVE AN INTEREST THROUGH APCAC IN SECRETARY DENT'S ENTIRE EAST ASIA ITINERARY AND PROGRAM.

5. IN PURELY AUSTRALIA CONTEXT, PAUL IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE AMCHAM OF AUSTRALIA 45-MAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IN THIS SENSE HE WLL UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE AUSTRALIA PROGRAM FOR SECRETARY DENT. BUT, THE MAIN RESPONSIBILITY AND FAMILIARITY WITH THIS PROJECT WITHIN AMCHAM AUSTRALIA LIES WITH HUTCHISON, AND THROUGH HIM WITH AMCHAM'S EXECUTIVE MANAGER KEVIN BANNON. GREEN

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